**Funds for computer literacy in Arunachal Pradesh**

1407. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of funds allocated and released for computer literacy in rural and urban areas of Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for not utilizing the allotted funds by the State; and

(c) the effective measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) in 2001-2002 to promote computer literacy in schools in the country. Under the revised CLASS scheme, financial assistance is being provided to States/Union Territories on the basis of Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by the States/UT's.

As the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has not submitted the Computer Education Plan of its State, no funds have been released to them.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**FDI in elementary education**

1408. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating a new policy on foreign direct investment in the elementary education in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has set up an internal panel for a policy decision on this issue;

(c) whether any concrete proposal has been prepared by the Ministry in this regard;

(d) whether although a 100 per cent FDI is allowed in the education services through the automatic route, the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy have raised objections on this issue; and

(e) if so, what are the concrete steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (e) In matters relating to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the areas of pre-primary and elementary education, proposals are examined on case by case basis.

**Misuse of Dowry Prohibition Act**

†1409. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the provisions of the Dowry Prohibition Act are being misused;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to stop it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) There is no information about misuse of the Dowry Prohibition Act in the country with the Government of India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Rehabilitation of children**

1410. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children account for about 38 per cent of the total population;

(b) whether 53 per cent of children suffer from malnutrition and 3 per cent children work for wages; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.